

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0023] on page 8 of the specification to read as follows:

[0023] Segmentation, i.e. how the segments are cut after recording, defines unit boundaries, and may be accomplished in several ways. The defined unit boundaries influence the degree of discontinuity after concatenation, and therefore how natural the synthetic speech will sound. In one embodiment, a boundary optimization process adjusts individual unit boundaries one at a time, using a discontinuity metric. The result is an inventory of units whose boundaries are globally optimal. Further details may be found in co-filed United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/692,994, entitled “Data-Driven Global Boundary Optimization,” filed October 23, 2003, assigned to Apple Computer, Inc., the assignee of the present invention, and which is herein incorporated by reference.